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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated April 14, 2004 for the above identified patent application.

This Amendment and Response includes the following:

A Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,872,237;

A Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,025,130;

Amendment to the Claims as shown in the list of claims beginning on page 2; and

Remarks beginning on page 8.